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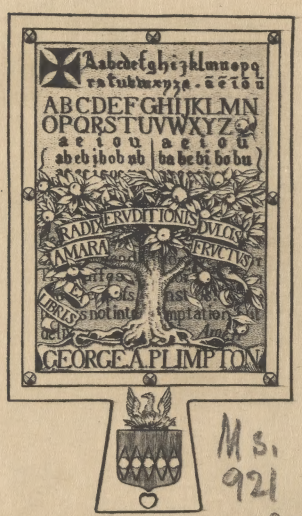


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Though this man is not much worth any one
wasting his paper & ink on, yet he gave occasion for
a trait in John Harrison's protector which may be suit-
ably subjoined to that which constitutes the immediate
subject of this attempt to render unto Cæsar the
"things that are Cæsar's." — If ever a rhyming persecutor,
inspired by Candid in over far other Laughty than those of
Nelson, could be expected to thaust the patience, & ecute
a spirit of retaliation & chastisement in some elevated
character (using the word in the most extended sense) it was
when Walcot got his bread by a daily hours pocus of slies
seasoned to the depraved taste of that numerous, but ill educa-
ted sect of readers who know no distinction between truth
& slander, provided either administers to their fun. — The
benign Prince at whose expence this entertainment (princi-
-pally adapted for junior clerks, apprentices, prize-fighters
& jockies) was got up, not only for one to direct the atten-
of the legal advisers of the crown to such a teazing annoy-
-ance, but — & it savours of romance, he carried in his
pocket to take out at any unappropriated time, these offen-
-sive caricatures of his colloquial intercourse, in hopes of
deriving some advantage from the strictures of an enemy.
— When it was debated in the Cabinet whether the law offi-
-cers should not be directed to proceed against this scurrilous
satirist, the proposition was relinquished on the ground that
it would be giving him too much consequence. Walcot, who
has given his own version of the part the King took on that
occasion, not very consonant, it may be supposed to the above
was so impressed by the forbearance of George 3. & so wrought on
by the circumstance of his taking his dessert with him who
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& with both Houses of Parliament to

his own Court —
the court of the King's Bench, [redacted] or the King's Seat,

either to let his Majesty grow cooler over the difficulties of the case, or to look for precedents (if there were any) — That the Board being the King's, who actually sat there in person, but now deputed his Judges to represent him, & that court being accustomed, in common with others, to commit for contempt, it would be strange if the head of it could not be protected from such contumelious language, which it would be quite inconsistent with his paramount rank in the state to tolerate; & which although nominally addressed to the person whom he had directed to state to the Board the result of the trial at Richmond, was virtually & to all intents, the same as if it had been repeated to him, at his Palace of St. James. That it would be very surprising if the Judges in could not extend to their principal the benefit of a privilege available in their own case. Could they not be fully justified in issuing their warrants, reciting the offending parties in due form in the usual form, for contempt of court (including a gross indecency in respect of demeanour & insulting demonstrations towards our sovereign Lord the King &c.? Even were such commitals not borne out, if the case came to be argued before a committee of privileges; yet both houses would readily concur in relieving the Judges by a bill of indemnity, for their laudable endeavours to support the respect due to the Throne, so essential to the well being of the state. — & which his Majesty, so far from having forfeited by any act derogatory to his station, had, on the contrary, been setting a most distinguished example to princes, by the scrupulous [illegible] he would not have acted so

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sketch, which is as way opposed to probability, shows the
danger these

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-tific & rational appropriation of his Time.

The above [illegible] unlearned Colleagues can, by forgetting, we cannot say, but by not choosing to remember those considerations, never to be lost sight of, in Transactions in which the Sovereign is a party. They were indebted only to the extreme urbanity & goodness of heart in this Prince for not being brought into collision with him, like the earthen pot & the one in the Fable, [illegible]; after having stretched out their fists to beat their liege Lord in this manner. The Earl of Sandwich, we believe, had never seen the small pamphlet (in the [illegible] as N° 1 in the Appendix) which was the real source of this refractory & disrespectful spirit in the Lunar party. Dr Maskelyne being unable to disprove six pennyworths of truth in him in this wrapper, which might have been labelled "Take physic sirrah" was "forced to seek what "wretches seek" or — fulsionate & presumptuous men — writhing under their inability either to refute, or to swallow such [illegible] as operative boluses.

It is not discoverable that the Nobleman in question took any interest in the Lunar method of finding the Longitude. And while he resented the being reminded of his [illegible] tautological appearance, there seem to have been separate views at the Board. Had the King loudly expressed his dissatisfaction at what had passed, [illegible] his Lordship was sufficiently a courtier to have taken his cue from it; as he would not have liked to

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on which Discovery [illegible] he would have

left the Mathematicians,

suffocating quicksand, into ~~which the rest of the party fell~~ which they had plunged, head or heels foremost, by mocking every saint in the reformed calendar. ++

++ The rest of the paragraph to be ~~[illegible]~~ left out; as also the Note at * underneath: & Chapter 14 ends here

Minor

have been involved in a serious affair for the sake of the Lunar jests, whom he might have discovered, for the first time, were making an excellent use of him: [illegible] alleged that, being in the chair, it devolved on him to state the answer of the majority to Mr. William Harrison — that he regretted the turn the business took, and — making his acknowledgments according to etiquette, he would have [illegible] to [illegible] out of the [illegible]. A trait in his Lordship's character, is that he was wont to make passions* his butt: a story has been preserved to that effect, [illegible] of a wager he laid, about prayerbooks being scarce, & corkscrews common among them: which however requires being well authenticated.

— Note at * This word never has acquired much respectability, notwithstanding Blackstone's defence of it in the Commentaries.

Note at Δ y [illegible] 360 [illegible] he went a hunting, that this merit had the same effect on the rude materials which composed this man as Cæsars celebrated joking Towards Catullus.

The difference to the moralist is, that what only vindicated the sagacity of "great Julius" had a higher origin with our Monarch, for in him it argued the most refined practical illustration of that religion & those principles the theory of which is so frequently enlarged on in wealth & discourses — that humility & self denial which every parish priest finds called on to point out to the imitation of his flock, was here exhibited in a way equally remarkable for the

[illegible] any on the

although the fact was couched in general terms brought forward was

-city of the example, & for the paramount claim of the individual whose superior conduct, according to the right reverend Bench might have been expected to take off it, should have responded from the spiritual rostrum throughout the Metropolis — where the incident was circulated, &, as far as the Author can find, [redacted] was never contradicted. 3d Geo 3d not only not resenting the impertinence thus shown him, but actually condescending to peruse such mendacious fripperry, as if he constrained himself to the consideration that there is no book so foolish or malicious but you may improve your virtue by it (overlooking the quarter from whence those pages came.) This refinement came nearer Christ's injunction to "bless them that curse you," etc "do good to those by whom you are persecuted" than any thing the Author (a layman) has met with. Why then was it not made available for spiritual counsel? one practick example being more to the purpose than repeated declamations on the theory of good works. Such a sett off comes home to the business & bosom of the hearer, while the other, perhaps is called a fine sermon but liable to be forgotten in much less time than it took in the delivery. — If it be objected that an allusion, [redacted] to such a character as Calcot, though not either by his real, or assumed name, would have been incompatible with the dignity of the [redacted] pulpit; yet by the proper being immediately seen, ~~when that of his Journey with~~ ~~preceded & followed it, for the important reason expressed.~~ This inconvenience might have been done away so much that the auditors should not have been prevented from improving by the truly christian example which the head of an Empire of a more [redacted] extended language than any on the

globe, was thus setting to his subjects of all denominations. —
Then we repeat the notoriety which is that day attached to
the circumstance; where was the sense, it may be enquired? was
it that our spiritual Peers & their subordinates felt
trained to admit they could not say their own creed
under a similar test would have
harmonized with so refined an union of the practice with
the doctrine taught, which was carrying the spirit of Chris-
tian humility to the highest perfection attainable on earth.

Insert in text at ○ § 425 The writer of the biographical
article, Harrison John in Encyclopaedia, relates
that he had heard of, and after inspection, was very desi-
rous of purchasing this curious clock, which he thought he
had effected; but his purpose was frustrated by certain su-
perstitious prejudices among the female neighbours of the
owner.

Note at □ § 436 These remarkable men showed in com-
-mon a propensity to a favourite pursuit each had, subor-
-dinate to his proper studies: business with the one it was the science
of music, & with the other, the art of fly fishing; on which
he published a treatise, entitled "Salmonia"; & left directions
concerning the copyright. — Quere? might not Newton's chron-
-ology be regarded as a relaxation from his severer mathema-
-tical studies. — Voltaire observes on it, that "he was wrote
"carry improvement into whatever had his full attention."

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Mr. Scott's son informed the Author this agent was Lt. Colonel Nuckley Sandon.

according to the Artist's son, this was Lieut. Colonel Nuckley Sandon

his royal highness

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# Anecdotes of George 4th when Prince of Wales.

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In the first meeting of the House of Commons, June 29th 1830, after the demise of George 4th, Sir Robert Peel coming forward in his official character, paid a well deserved tribute to the memory of the deceased Monarch. "The late "King," said the hon. Baronet, "was an admirable gentleman, "& a liberal patron of the arts. His heart always sympa- "thized with any appeal to his benevolence. — (Hear, "hear, hear, & great cheering.) — I do not wish, Sir, to deli- "ver any overstrained panegyric on his late Majesty; his acts "speak for themselves." — That these praises were not words of course, the weight of which would not bear bearing sifted to the bottom, the following illustrative facts will show.

Mr. Edmund Scott was an engraver of respectable abilities, well known as such formerly in the metropolis, but subsequently a crayon painter, resident at Guild- -ford in Surry. He was a man of strict sobriety & regular habits, but having a large family, & not being able to procure in proportion to his labours, he got into pecuniary difficulties, was arrested & in consequence the Prince of Wales heard of his situation, & through the intervention of a military gentle- -man [redacted] discharged the debt. After which [redacted] eighty judging that the properest course, if he would extend his benevolence, was to employ the artist professionally, he-

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[redacted] the Bridesroom shortly after [redacted]

-cerned to —— is indeed a quite
common, for no man separated from his wife under such cir-
-cumstances ever thinks of introducing a painter with
such an object. How can he be supposed to contemplate the
production of art with pleasure, if the original, from what-
-ever causes is wholly at variance to his satisfaction? Now, we
ask, is a difficulty to be got over, directly opposed to historical
evidence? for it leads to the to ◇648
decided his own persuasion on the subject: but in a case sur-
-rounded with so much novelty, indecision becomes a merit
towards the public, & a bonus to the numerous writers who
would complain of having incurred an awkward erratum, by follow
-ing rumour with her hundred tongues."

Note at ++ The family reside chiefly at Brighton. His eldest
son (who can testify to the facts related) is of respectable
abilities as a landscape painter, in water colours.

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set him to take a portrait of his Princess — a fact directly at variance with the general, if not the universal belief, that mutual disgust, & a separation from bed & board took place almost immediately after their nuptials. — If so, that ~~[illegible]~~ should have employed an artist to take the likeness of his partner cannot be accounted incompatible with ordinary notions in such ~~[illegible]~~ reference. That the Royal Pair differed little from other young couples during the probation called the honey-moon. — It is certain that from this portrait, a whole length, the joint production of Edmund Scott, ~~[illegible]~~ r. of M.r Stothard, the Academician, a print was taken, which the Author has seen, which ~~may be thought to set at rest the [illegible] question raised by to paint out the probability of an [illegible] reference for the [illegible] the [illegible] is probably apparent~~

Changing the scene, we bring forward M.r Oswald, Sheriff, born at Edinburgh in 1755, being the second son of an eminent merchant in that city. Having lost his hearing when only three years old, it had all the consequences of being born deaf; & he continued in the state incident to that misfortune till about the age of eleven, when a circumstance very material to his future destiny occurred. Braidwood, the enterprizing schoolmaster of the Northern Capital, had at this time matured his scheme for educating

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those under this privation, & it happened remarkably enough, our subject was his first pupil. From what is thought little better than a state of idiotism, he was brought to understand the language — to write letters conformity to orthography & grammar; & to speak so as to be understood in the family, & by his intimates. He could not, as has been related of some individuals, converse by observing the motion of the lips in the speaker, but otherwise his faculty of apprehension was extraordinary: for a person opposite wrote rapidly in the air with his finger, Mr Charles could read such writing, though reversed & evanescent, as the Author has frequently witnessed. Having early employed himself in sketching with the blacklead pencil, & painting being designated as his future profession, he was placed with a Drawing master in London named Bowgett; under whom his works of that period show his progress to have been rapid; insomuch that it was proposed, though rather prematurely, to take him to Italy, the common rendezvous of artists & connoisseurs from every country. All his bright prospects, however, were soon overclouded by a storm that burst with a calamitous pressure on the whole family. The failure of Sordyce, an eminent banker at Edinburgh in that day, drew after it many mercantile men, & among them Mr Sheriff's father; but who, being favoured by Providence, when he thought himself irretrievably ruined, found an unexpected

whose filial piety wanted no stimulant, & he commen-
-diately commenced

a Treatise prevalent

resource in the abilities of our artist, [redacted] business in London, as a miniature painter. — & this most triumphant son & brother, whom his connexions once apprehended would prove a burden to them, supported his [redacted] parent & the junior part of the family, consisting of two sons & two daughters, [redacted] in a creditable manner. — as long as his existence was exerted to their welfare. Both his Sisters were respectably married to officers of the Navy. His Brothers chose the sea, & the youngest of them, Lieut. was John Sheriff rose to the command of L'Espiegle sloop of war, in which he lost his life while gallantly repulsing the crew of [redacted] which had boarded her in the East Indies.

To enhance the merit of this virtuous conduct [redacted] in the young man, it should be observed, that the example of his elder Brother was wholly wanting; who, although he had been a material mate of their father's fortune, [redacted] with whom he was at last partner at the time, not only [redacted] contributed nothing to the common support, but had even the assurance to expect his Brother would assist him. — The pressure of these dependants was a serious obstacle to Mr. Sheriff's acquiring a fortune by his talents; & although he was of a domestic turn, & partial to the sea, his situation precluded him from marrying. Yet he never complained of such hardships (as they might be called;) on the contrary the Author has heard him express the pleasure he found in being so useful to his Father & the family.

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Mr. Sheriff's uncommon character & merits shone

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certainly without the most distant thought of joining
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formed either of the nobility, or persons of the first fas-
of fortune. to △
-ion, ○ being thus taken by surprise, scarcely knew what he saw,
but it
○ The Artist [illegible] purported that he had.
with
[illegible] no right to mix in company so much
above [illegible] him.

○ Note This may surprise those who do not reflect that Dancing consists of a certain number of measured movements; so that if such a person keeps time with a part-ner, who has a correct ear, his own accidental deficiency will not be easily observed.

Insert at ◇ & the assembly was long remembered by our subject; but for obvious reasons he avoided show-ing himself there again. to. ++ 649

reached Carlton House, the Prince sent for, & honoured him by sitting for his portrait, a large miniature, which being admired in the exhibition at Somerset House, increased his custom. If this was in the usual course of things, yet an accidental occasion his highness availed himself of, showed an intimate knowledge of the human heart. It touched those chords which (except in the misanthrope) harmonize with the desire all feel to be esteemed by others, which less disposes them to quarrel with themselves. Mr. Sheriff happened one evening to be amongst the lookers on at the principal assembly in Brighton; his illustrious Patron was there, & coming up, [redacted] accosted him with his usual affability; enquiring after his health, & asking his professional success, & why he did not dance? [redacted]

[redacted]. The Prince, overruling his diffidence, introduced him, as a partner, to a lady of quality. With whom Mr. Sheridan, who probably excelled in the dance, as he was admired in dancing, tripped it till the assembly was over. — Lest nothing might be wanting to enhance a notice so flattering, his partner set him down at his lodgings from her carriage! — It is proper to add to this anecdote, that Mr. Sheriff (from whom the Author had it) was, a man of fine presence, tall & of a graceful demeanour, so that any lady might have waived the difference of rank, or being taken out by so genteel a figure *

While Sir Robert Peel [redacted]

Commons, his grace

note at ◇ From his classical studies we have an admired
-slation of the Epistle from Servius Sulpicius to Cicero,
on the death of his daughter Tullia.

-ticulars of curiosity & interest

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was attempting a portrait of George 4th in The House of [redacted], the Duke of Wellington, on the same date, drew attention to a sketch of the same subject in the Upper House of Parliament; an outline from which certifies us that "no man ever approached his Majesty who did "not feel gratified by his learning, his condescension, affa-"bility, & kindness of disposition." — With a high opin-ion of his Majesty's kindness & condescension, the Author was impressed by the circumstances above related: the knowledge of which, he says, he owed to his [redacted] intimacy with the parties concerned. Private friendship indeed may occasionally lead to the contemplation of par-[redacted] unknown to the public collector. — The first of the Sketches in the preceding short extract, immediately asso-ciated with the recollection of a lamented friend, the revered Thomas Watson of Bilton, in Yorkshire, to whom he could resort on any literary question, & at whose parsonage he passed some of the pleasantest hours of his life. This Gentleman one day, in a conversation on the identity of the author of the "Pursuits of "Literature", gave it in a decided manner to the Prince of Wales; alleging that "he was well known to be one of the best "scholars we had" It is not the writers idea, so many reasons may be given against the supposition, which might [redacted] be overlooked by a relaxed observer; but a man of letters (a good epistemologist) should entertain & defend this belief he thought too honourable to the memory of George 4th

Door in the center

& the confirmatory of his Grace of Wellington's assertion, to be omitted on the present occasion. — Mr. Watson, who had not been introduced at Carlton House, must have formed this conclusion from his intercourse with some of his learned contemporaries. Among others, he was intimate with the poet Mason, whom he had known at Cambridge, & who was at Bilton six weeks before his death.

After the death of his Father, at the advanced age of 84, whose wants were carefully attended to, & whose grey hairs descended with comfort to the grave, in having such a Son, Mr. Sheriff embarked for India, a scheme he had contemplated many years antecedent, but was deterred from by his amiable solicitude for his relatives, as has been described. — It may be mentioned, that while in that region, among those who encouraged his abilities by employing his pencil was, Sir Arthur Wellesley, now the great Captain of the Age. — Having realized a moderate competency, Mr. Sheriff remembarked for England. He married, bought a house & settled in Cumberland Place, on the Paddington Road. The remainder of his life, he was happy in the quiet he coveted, & in the attentions of his Wife (whom he had known from a child.) He died a few years ago, leaving a memory dear to those that knew him well, which perhaps this brief account may extend.

The circumstance of this Gentleman having been

learned & exemplary minister, who had officiated sixteen years

to the Bishop, evincing their attachment to their Pastor

Note at ✠ By the way, how do the Derby-
shire Divines, or those of any church, or Scotland
reconcile the irascible sentiment "Nemo me impune
lacessit" with a leading injunction of the Christ-
ian religion, which bids us to love your enemy, & to bless
them that curse you? No two tenets can be more opposite
The discrepancy becomes paradoxical if we recollect that
while in England the prevailing subject of conversation is
politics, in North Britain it has always been understood to
be religion.

Note at ✠ A made up, or consolidated case,
the result of [illegible] necessity, seclusion, convenience,
&c. that you will, is always supported by arguments
that gain no converts except a few wise men of Gotham.
It is easily illustrated, & the following may suffice.
[illegible] — In a parish the Author knew the Vicar allowed
his Curate a very liberal stipend, which his Successor,
a Pluralist who was reputed fond of money, consider-
ably curtailed; not indeed to the same Curate (a highly
~~learned & faithful minister~~) whom he dismissed, for rea-
sons unanswerable in his opinion, notwithstanding that
a numerously signed petition of the Inhabitants
threw some doubts on the correctness of the orthodox
Gentleman's syllogisms in this made up case,

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from ☐ to be observed that a constitutional
predilection for books is not always visible in the phy-
-siognomies of graduates who duly conform to the rules
of Alma Mater. [illegible]

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~~was worse. The spirited Clergyman, who had moved the Address~~
~~with so much zeal, & whose case engaged the Motion of~~
~~Lord Brougham, being presented by the Bishop the living~~
~~of [illegible] by it, it was left to be inferred by~~
~~the world that the Incumbent stood on the protection~~
~~of the Peer, who paid no more regard to the interest of~~
~~his church than a rake hell preacher. He might have done~~
~~worse, & blackened, or something worse~~ which leaned
too much to the proverb "money makes the mare to go."

In history, no made up case is more remarkable or more to be condemned, than that of our Elizabeth & the unhappy Queen of Scots. Yet the dissimulation which masks a real with a pretended purpose was not more conspicuous then than at the Board of Longitude, November 28th. 1772; & had not George 3.rd been the most placable individual that ever wore the diadem, the consequences of the collision those rash functionaries provoked might have been long recorded on our annals.

Near paragraph &c. at ¶ 434 Had the circumstance of so many people visiting the monument of private erection to the memory of John Harrison, at Hampstead, been in Lord Lyttleton's way, & had the noble & patriotic Author further known of the insulting treatment this genius experienced from the northern aristocrat, he might possibly have given us a Dialogue in the Shades between Sir Martin Folkes, the scientific patron, & the Earl of Morton, the heartless persecutor of the aged Mariner: the effect might improved (setting the anachronism) by George 3.rd being supposed

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successor, & interposing, not to moderate those sentiments,
but to add his unqualified reprobation of the conceited Thus.
Were the mathematical Commissioners who re-
-ceived so singular a part, on the 28th. November 1772, hand & glove
with the Dean & Chapter at Westminster, all of them like-
-wise graduates of Oxford, or Cambridge; & perchance fellow
collegians of the one, or the other Professor? — No evidence
bears to this surmise; but neither is there any to account for
the incongruity that no public monument exists of a man
who was an honour to his age & country in the opinion of —
— that eminent philosopher Sir Hans Sloane.

continued in Note ◇ 4 seconds of time are equivalent to
a geographical mile, rather more than a statute mile,
in space; which gives 15 such miles to a minute, & 60, or a
degree, to four minutes. By the same progression, the
earth revolves 21,600 miles at the equator in the 24 hours;
but the motion of our globe's polar axis becomes trifling when compa-
-red with its velocity in its orbit, for W. Whiston tells
them — that while he is writing, himself & his Study
are carried at the rate of 25,000 miles an hour.

Pamphlet. The ensuing paragraph would have been left out, had not Mr. Mudge, admiring it for its clearness, given it insertion in his pamphlet: & also by reason that in a work adapted as far as the writer could effect it, for general perusal, it may be of use to some Tyros; & occasionally serve to make the ladies distinctly acquainted with a word so often in their way, or talking up a newspaper. They will please to observe that to ◻

§ 4. ◻ It has been shown in the work that the Board, does not appear to have been waited by any persons at the time, except Lord Morton & Dr. Maskelyne, between whom the private business was conducted; — which enabled the latter to exhibit a set off against his own unsuccessful demonstrations by the Moon. We will get to the other Commissioners, including the consequential Peer, the justice to suppose they were ignorant of what passed at Barbadoes; for , with a knowledge of that scene, to have expected much pains from the Astronomer Royal, & that he would not be glad to avail himself of any defect he thought he had discovered in the Timekeeper, whether real or imaginary, might have reminded the Clergymen, who formed the Lunar party, of what was often in their way, that "men do not gather grapes from Thorns, nor figs from Thistles."

[illegible] necessary from the [illegible]

page 5th □ The passing opposition of this pretence of a check was shown in its place. Dr Maskelyne, in his answer to the younger Mudge attempted to excite proper respect for the plan of an examination of the Time-keeper, by saying, "it was drawn up by The Earl of Morton, President of the Royal Society." As if an aristocrat, bearing an Earl's coronet, & being P. R. S. could sanction a self evident absurdity. The notion of any indifferent person would probably be widely at variance with the deference intended to be induced towards this commensurate plan. For if the Doctor could seriously engage to conform to restrictions which he should have seen were ridiculous while the clock was in his power (the key of which he took from the person that kept it) it becomes very difficult to dismiss from our minds the intruding persuasion that this clever plan was no better than a juggle between him & his Patron. They were not however successful in throwing dust in the eyes of the world, though they seem to have exchanged a few pinches of snuff in each others faces.

page 8th △ That our passions make us blind, to what common sense of propriety might otherwise have preserved our attention, is exemplified here, when Dr Maskelyne the Astronomer Royal in his eagerness to make the most of a machine that overset his own pretensions to the reward, so entirely overlooked the delicacy of his situation, as to have neglected fortifying the projected argument

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necessary from the power of the Longitude, which [illegible]

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reserve these particulars

from ◇ to page 377 inclusively is to be left out: having no necessary connection with M^r. Sheriff's case. Shut is to end here

Minor note at ◇ There are some verses in print by Caleb Whiteford, a member of the Literary Club, & one of the Commissioners employed at Paris to conclude the Treaty of peace with France & Spain, in 1763. ~~They [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]~~ The want of a copy precludes their insertion here. They are entitled "Lines supposed to be from the mouth of Charles "Sheriff, who is deaf & dumb, on seeing Garrick in "Lear." To which may be added, that this eminent actor, whom he had probably pleased by taking off some part in dumb show, said, that if it had not been for his deprivation, he would have excelled on the boards. Altogether, he ~~[illegible]~~ appears to have attracted the attention of the distinguished men in his time.

the first boy on whom Mr. Braidwood tried a mode of in-
-struction adapted to the very peculiar situation of ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ those poor boys; its success, & the diff-
-usion of the advantages among the higher & the middle class-
-es of society, as well as the increase of charitable foundat-
-ions for extending the benefit of it to the indigent. — a-
bove all, the future man doing so much honour to the spirit
it was seen in the active habits, the filial piety & pater-
nal affection of Mr. Sheriff ought to ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ from the various transitory occurrencies in the
busy ~~[illegible]~~ hum of men." ⊗ This character is employed on
the Author in another view. Sir Thomas Lawrence was
of opinion there is a deal more good than bad in human
nature: & such men as George Graham & Charles Sheriff
would have amply borne him out. But, in that such an es-
-timate, what becomes how are we to dispose of Conquerors

~~[illegible]~~ From Macedonia's madman, & the Swede

to Attila, the Hun, & Buonoparte? — It is an ar-
-ticle of faith with Lady Holland, that these men often had
some good about them & — ~~[illegible]~~ so have the lowest dungeon vil-
-lains (according to Burns) but the bad preponderates so
much in this class of biped that they immolated hundreds of
thousands at the shrine of their self-exalted ambition with the
unconcern of a butcher in his daily occupation — an occupation
~~[illegible]~~, on which, by the way, we design no reflection; it is
necessary from the palace to the cottage, while that of a Conqueror

& comfort

too notorious to be questioned, nor can even the most practised
cannot get rid of the inference it induces — that
Buonaparte was not an honest man, nor otherwise a man
of honour; ~~— but as to the sum of the two the~~
~~"fact," do not the reports would be done by~~
but would himself have broken his parole, had he been a pri-
soner of war in England (entertained at Holland House)
We should be glad to know their how his fair advocate
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deals with this part of his character. We are

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is equivalent to [redacted] famine & pestilence, which it often promotes, & — "all the ills that flesh is heir to:" [redacted] filling a large portion of the earth with [redacted] parents who have lost the staff of their age; with widows & orphans whose prayers & whose plaints ascend to "Heaven of heavens" & are audible to the Eternal Supreme. — The genuine spirit of a conqueror perfectly analogous as it is to that of the true miser, because it centres wholly in self, never was, or will be, better illustrated than by Buonaparte's Napoleon's return from Elba, which it is impossible to reconcile with any interests but his own, & those of some worthless fellows wholly intent on plunder & a marshal's baton: many of whom had broken their parole of honour in England, & yet were all received at Saint Cloud: a fact [redacted] certain her Lord would desire to have nothing to do with such a business. Her Ladyship will forgive us, but we suspect her partiality for the imperial authors, [redacted] the modern Prometheus of the Rock, & her good offices to drive away the vulture that gnawed the inward man, had no higher origin than the difficulty of an introduction at the Drawing room of Princess Charlotte.

It is recorded that, at Waterloo, Beresford, forgetting his interest for the moment, exclaimed in involuntary admiration of the Scots Greys

"how well they did their work." This was soldier like;
but his indifference to the havor of the field on that
Tremendous Day savoured more of the careless butcher
than the gallant man; it did not interfere with his
better thoughts, which were — to sup at Brussels,
& publish his Tales of proclamations ready printed, &
dated from our Palace of Lacken: (which was a journey
to have caught the bear, though he did not intend to
divide the skin:) — The Author is not attempting any
severity here, for the notion came blended with other inci-
dents of a day so memorable to countless generations. When
the Emperor's fugitive troops saw the recreant Deserter
flee, & anxious only to save his bacon (unlike our
King-maker, the great Earl of Warwick) it is stated
they called out "There goes the butcher of France."

Vide Note at □ p. 375 The Earl of Carlisle, who addressed
a lyric to Lady Holland which would have entitled him to a
wreath at Parnassus, but which delicately courted the mer-
it of her bounty, had probably the same curiosity.

Vide Note at △ p. 375 This ultimately brought its own
punishment with it. For when after his surrender, he de-
sired to reside in England as a private gentleman, it was
impossible to indulge him in such a wish, with any prudence,
as no reliance could be placed on any engagements he might
have entered into to desist from future schemes of conquest.

in ignorance of Astronomy, which it may be supposed they knew little better than Lord Morton, to whom it had served for display & a parade of his accomplishments, seems the only plea that can be wedged in by their advocates, if such avow themselves, but it will not soften the harshness of a particular which being set to every apprehension will enable the reader to judge better of the treatment he received. — When the Lunar party (for it would be a misnomer to say, the Commissioners) were informed that the last made Timekeeper would soon be ready for a Trial, they proposed to John Harrison, at a Board, November 28. 1771, that it should go in one of the sloops, the Resolution & Discovery then fitting out for the South Sea, "if he thought proper," though they knew he was at the age of seventyeight, & the voyage might occupy above three years, with a liability to casualties proportionably extended. That under such circumstances a Trial of Three or Four years Duration should be substituted for that of half a dozen weeks, on the faith of which he had set to work, forty five years before, shows the assurance of these honourable men (as no doubt they thought themselves) to have been above par. To allege they were authorized so to do under Lord Morton's Act, only aggravates so sinister a conduct: for many people would say that those Commissioners who lent themselves to abet the personal animosity of that vain & obstinate philosopher by experiment, deserved to live on bread & water three or four years. stop here

The necessity of having recourse to other words than parchments & palaces with this common disturber of the peace of Europe was so obvious that [redacted] (according to the debates) Mr. Brougham offered to concur with the Administration in imposing more effectual restraints on the ct Emperor than those adopted.

Vide Note ++ p 375 Cutpurse might have been added, if the [redacted] recollects Sir Robert Wilson's detail of the [redacted] sordid measures with which her favour. ite pandered an Egyptian Lady of Rank, by whom he had been hospitably entertained.

without expunging to

of Parliament & others, some of whom were [illegible]

[illegible] a prohibition

with a certificate to the effect, that when he received the Timekeeper, it was declared by the Inventor, or by some competent person, with his sanction, to be in a fit state for the examination; & that its rate of going was so & so. — The want of such a document, which, in the usual course of things would have preceded the pages occupied with the daily registering, or the calculations consequent, becomes a hiatus which those Commissioners who authorized the publication of a trial so surreptitiously commenced should have been aware might thereafter make their mental remains stink in the nostrils of all who honour genius contending with the storms & adverse currents of life; & would desecrate the despotic treatment seen here, even by the tacit admission of the parties, for it never was denied that Mr Walker gaining near 20 seconds a day was known to several Gentlemen, members of Parliament, & even to some of the Commissioners: which makes the charge almost as certain to an asset that Dr Maskelyne could not be ignorant of what it was not very convenient to him to know. But this discreditable affectation in a collateral descendant of Ignatius Loyola (as he seemed) proved in the sequel an important link in the concatenation of events which made his Majesty, who placed no kind of reliance on the Doctor's demonstrations, very desirous to ascertain the merit of the last-made Timekeeper under his own observation; & a most fortunate circumstance for the Inventor, when application was made for that very purpose, as has been described.

375 P80 Even though he took thought for the morrow, to be prepared for the explanations, according to Mr. Mudge, as follows — "there has been a time "when the Doctor was very ready to court him [Mr. "Mudge senior] & that was when Mr. Harrison was "about to make a discovery of the principles of his "Timekeeper. That he might, through the assistance "of my Father, obtain such information in mechan- "-ical matters, as not to appear absolutely ignorant "of a subject which he was desirous of being thought "properly acquainted with; & in order to get this in- "-formation, he was then almost a daily visitant at "my Father's, & very often, that he might have as much "of his time as he could, dined with him"

[redacted] some men, [redacted] (for I hope not the present scribe) says Pope are forced, in spite

Of nature & their stars, to write.

Dr. Maskelyne seems to have equally contended with his des- -tiny, in desiring to [redacted] master Mechanics; for not all the lessons he sought of Mr. Mudge were available to any purpose which makes it rather [redacted], when his name appears at the head of the list of Three Gentlemen & Three Watchmakers who attested that

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who had two Timekeepers on Trial for the reward under the Act. K. George 3d. complained that they were carried backwards & forwards every day [redacted] across as open court intersect- -ed by some steps, on account of its unequal level; jointly thinking that if the bearer accelerated his pace in bad weather, he might, without retarding it, give the Watch a motion in the plane of the balance pre-

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8. form an idea of the offensiveness of this passage to Dr. Maskelyne, let us only suppose some one had told Cardinal Richlieu, he was a mere pretender to poetry; or Sir Robert Walpole, that he knew nothing of politic-al matters.

§ 9 △ To any objection to this arrangement, which [redacted] no logical adroitness could [redacted] have made a case in favour of the Timekeeper, Dr. Maskelyne would have coldly answered — That the Com-missioners [redacted] Lord Morton & the Lecturer, to wit [redacted] had seen it, & had not ordered to the contrary. — A disposition of the Timekeeper & of the Thermometer so uncongenious that it may be called fantastical, is remarkably opposed to the guardian solicitude which it may be said "hopeth all "things, & endureth all things" in pursuit of its enlight-ened purpose, which was seen at Richmond, & might be summed up in the consideration that his Majesty wished well to the Invention. On the contrary, the Astron-omer Royal has left it to be inferred from his overt acts, that he was much worse than indifferent to the suc-cess of the result. — About twenty years after, Mr. Mudge,

§ 12 □ There was more decorum than earnestness in the deference to their commands; for though he was not wanting in respect for Dr. Maskelyne in his official [redacted], he held the other mathematical Commissioners very cheap as practical astronomers, [redacted] 582 [redacted]

380 Dicial to its accuracy. Whether this arose from the Doctor's apathy toward the success of the Machine, or from his deficiency in mechanical knowledge, we cannot say, but that there was something disingenuous in his conduct, is rendered suspicious by the very singular perversion of a common word. In adverting to the situation of the great room at Hamstead Hill where the Time keepers were kept & that of the Transit room, where they were compared with the clock, he says the former was one pair of stairs above the other: which of course, notwithstanding the difficulty of supposing any apartment above the Transit room, would be universally understood to mean over head; yet in fact it was in a seperate building, on the other side of the court mentioned.

from ++ p. 375 The Inventor had fully disclosed the principles & construction of the Timekeeper. We may conclude the Gentlemen who attended would willingly have dispensed with the Doctor's signature, as a frontispiece to their own, for from some passages in the Pamphlet reprinted, it would appear he either did not understand what was explained, or (in the sailors phrase) forgot it before you could say Jack Robinson.
But to to 375

of 12th △ But Adams's proposal to borrow some nil of Brother
Truthier could be more offensive to that dealer in lies Bacon
than this reiterated charge of ignorance of what, it is supposed, the Doctor deriues of all things to be thought to
possess a consummate knowledge of —— without prejudice to
his reputation as an astronomer, on which he felt sufficiently
comfortable, according to precedent, to pay ~~[illegible]~~ compliments heralded to Miller in breach at his stated wages would
have been a waste of powder. His interest being of very natured

~~"Where the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together" is an illustration of a proverb that is the wonder of the world. Were those mechanics who sought an audience of D.r Maskelyne if they had their own reasons or their heads, would find their account in it Mess.rs~~

~~received £500 each from the Board of Longitude~~
~~at the recommendation of the Astronomer Royal, upon~~
~~presentation to him of their respective watches which~~
~~he tried by the~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~relative to their~~
~~rival pretensions. But as this proceeding prejudged the~~
~~merits, the discussions with which they were severally met~~
~~have made them objects of the attention which Lord Nelson~~
~~bestowed on a different subject, of which Pope has~~
~~recorded the result.~~ consequence at the Board of Longitude, as he could command the votes from Oxford & Cambridge,
& it being discovered that he was constitutionally disposed to
inhale the subtle particles from watchmakers shops & workrooms,
he became of course the Maecenas of horological mechanics.
Certain applicants (to whom we design no prejudice) received through
this agency £500 each ~~[illegible]~~ for their improvements in chronometry; & matters prospered as they should, both with the Patron &

gave birth to a pamphlet

his Clients, till one day, like the snuffy collector in the Spectator, having taken too large a pinch of some lamentation stuff, it produced a quarrel between the Doctor & Sir Joseph Banks, who denied either the originality or the utility accruing from an invention for which the learned Collegians had voted £500. This sparring [redacted] from Hamstead Wells, for private circulation only, & which the Author has not seen; but from his confidence in the Baronet's superior knowledge, he surmises, that if his case is to be made out at all events, the party may be resembled to a barrister, who cannot deviate from the purpose for which he has received a retaining fee.

16 15 4 The contrast between this inattention in a person whose accustomed habits, as they were to be presumed, conducive of the King at his private observatory, is too remarkable, & not say that D^r. Maskelyne's neglect contributed to the exactness which William Harrison noticed; because it would have been seen independent of any such circumstance; yet to the resentment which his Majesty felt in behalf of the oppressed individual, thus complaining, not a little of the determined opposition he gave to the proceedings of the Board of Longitude is to be attributed. — The obvious inference is, either that the majority who authorized the publication of a Work conducted with so little regard to regularity, notwithstanding it was intended to set the public right, had none of them seen it; or, which would be more incredible, although undoubted, that the same majority, almost wholly composed of Graduates in-

Page 17 □ This refusal, though of the [redacted] utmost consequence, as all the subsequent proceedings may be said to hinge on it, will not be found on the minutes of the Board. The Mathematicians nominated were all strangers to the Candidate, so there could not judge of their fitness for the [redacted] office they accepted, & he had no confidence in the judgment of the Astronomer Royal, whose personal friends they were: but we presume not disinterestedly in this affair: for though their remuneration does not appear on the minutes, yet that they had such may be inferred from a particular of a subsequent date, Dr. Bevis & Mr. Witchell (Master of the Readers at Portsmouth) two of the Computers employed after the Trial to Barbadoes, having received £50 each for their trouble. [redacted] strangely [redacted] the

Minor Notes ◇ The Author had somewhere read that the sentiment was borrowed from an antient, but on enquiring of three gentlemen of learning, the first thought it was in the Iliad, but had forgotten the passage; the second believed it [redacted] would be found in Cicero; & the third in Seneca [redacted]. As it is an idea which persons of every age & country may concur in, there is no occasion to make his Lordship a plagiarist in adducing it. Designing

-sisted on the last made Timekeeper being tried at Green-
-wich & no where else: an ultimatum which led to that to-
-tal failure of the respect shown by all ranks towards
the Crown; but which these Ecclesiastics were grossly defi-
-cient in on November 26th 1772. — Such we venture
to conclude will be the sentiments of the Gentlemen
of Oxford & Cambridge, now that the views and
interests that predominant no longer agitate so many minds,
& warp the better resolves of the "self approving hour." They
may recollect those fine lines of Waller; often but too ap-
-plicable to the deformity & party spirit of the Transactions
in which their predecessors were engaged above sixty years ago.

Our passions gone, & reason on her throne,
Amaz'd we view the mischiefs we have done;
After a tempest, when the winds are laid,
The calm sea wonders at the wrecks it made.

See Note x

x 1770 An outline of this part of the Transactions was given
in the Work, unavoidably showing how
great Lord Anson had fallen off from that consistency of
character so much admired in his circumnavigation.

y 1774 It was well observed by Lord Chesterfield,
~~perhaps had it from one of the Ancients~~, that "an injury
" is not to be measured by the notions of him that gives,
" but of him that receives it." And never was this axiom
better Illustrated than by the prudence, as he calls it, with
which D. Maskelyne attempts to saddle his antagonist, as if
that for a compliment, which in the construction
of Kings where it was addressed, was tantamount to

locked up in his own breast.

several of the Mathematicians

with low cunning & dissimulation of purpose. If the Doctor was sincere in his view of the case, he has given us a feature in his own portrait enough to put on their guard either public or private men having Transactions with him; for it is perfectly consonant to what is looked for in the disputable character called a man of the world, with which every large town is plentifully sprinkled. The spirit of such men is directly opposed to that of Christianity; insomuch that they have given occasion for more volumes of sermons than any other description of offenders defficient in good works. — The man of the world will take any fair advantage of you; by which he means such as will not absolutely compromise (greatly) his reputation for probity, however mean or unprincipled the motive may be, if that is ~~none~~. The Astronomer Royal argues as if he really had no apprehension of the disingenuous, & indefensible conduct he was imputing to his Antagonist. He calls it prudence in John Harrison, to have, as he believes, contrived a Machine which he knew would ~~answer purpose~~ keep time within the nearest limits of the best in a first, or second voyage, but not in a third or fourth; & falling into the overlooking error of selfish men, he measures the Longitude by his own scale, although nothing could be more abhorrent to him than the villainous scheme (for so he calls it) which he was so strangely charged with. Particulars have been given under their dates in this work, showing that our Mechanician had something chivalrous & romantic in his cast of mind; he would of course require his honesty of purpose to be as much above suspicion as Cæsar did his wife. This D. Maskelyne might not know, but ~~the Astronomer~~ who authorized the publication of ~~his~~

-Cavities of becoming acquainted with the cast of his character & in them (as we believe George 3. ~~[illegible]~~ would have said) it was unpardonable to sanction such treatment.

~~it Ducated, not but Christian it not.~~ &
new paragraph

The Candidate to co

much an insult to [redacted] worthy a man had had ample oppor-
[redacted] with any to be [redacted] that the [redacted]
[redacted] accumulation which, if [redacted] should make
an impression in [redacted] not calculated to raise to a no-
[redacted] to [redacted] the [redacted] effect to [redacted]
[redacted] the public mind, the titles of Bankers, a Doctor of Div-
[redacted] which they have. Two of the titles of party pleas-
[redacted] have been so much, that a person of no
[redacted] was positively certain it could be known
[redacted] these titles [redacted] Bankers [redacted]
[redacted] that they had any thing [redacted] the matter.

— Before D. Maskelyne favoured the [redacted] with his own scale of rectitude for sea-waters for nautical purposes, & that of the Luxor party exclusively, it would have become him to have made some enquiry on the subject; which, had he been willing to learn, would have shown him the ca-lumny he was fabricating. For the Invention was in such a state twenty years before the [redacted] fourth Somerset-pen was shipped for Jamaica, as to have fully enabled [redacted] npes we will say, if not the largest reward, nor even the next in degree, being £15,000, yet, bating unforeseen casualties, to have insured himself the minor one of £10,000; which being gained would enable him to prosecute his experiments under less con-straint & difficulties; till by subsequent improvements, having come within the nearest limits allowed by law, he could carry off the other £10,000. — When it is considered that in the cours of two decennary's how often the scene changes in human affairs; how want of health, some interminable lawsuit, & sundry vexations, might have frustrated the whole design, to

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" be thought on, that will do more justice to the Timekeepers
" than that prescribed by the 12.th of

D.r Maskelyne complains

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note at ▭ It is singular enough; but he was answered,
" that it was next to impossible to procure an act of Par-
" -liament to be Mend, Though it were for the public
" good." — And this came from those persons, who were sub-
sequently instructed by Lord Morton, that nothing was easier
than such a feat, when a public & severe private injury
resulted.

This was plainly the [redacted] track which calculating prudence would have marked out for him; but it was incompatible with the high [redacted] spirit of our Claimant; he would have thought it neither doing justice to the public nor himself, to solve the problem in this pennurious way. He always believed he could come considerably within half a degree or 30 miles (which the event verified) & to have lowered that hope would have deprived him of a powerful incentive to his [redacted]. The same sterling honesty, but cruelly opposed to the prudential maxim

— what's the value of a thing
But so much money as 'twill bring?

is [redacted] conspicuous in his romantic offer to the Board 26th. February 1763 to concur with them in procuring an act of Parliament to alter the mode of trial, for, says he, "many may [redacted] Quest Free." This was certainly true, but if a trial by sea, of longer duration was contemplated, it is evident that as the risks on that element would have been greater in proportion, so nothing could be more contrary to the prudence with which [redacted] him, whether sincerely, or maliciously, we say not, but he had no right [redacted] to impute motives to this original Genius, which he might have found, if he was willing to know it, were quite foreign to his character.

20 Neither would it have been broached at that time, nor at any subsequent period, had not the Earl of Morton [redacted] taken his seat among them. The unpardonable misconduct of the Commissioners in giving credence, without the least examination or enquiry, to the gross misstatements of that Nobleman, in a case on which £17,000 depended, was corrected

perfect ~~as~~ upshers,

that his Lordship ought to know the total cost of-
precision, which he was substituting, proved only his
incapacity for intermeddling in such concerns.

appreciate the sanctity of

~~In connexion with this subject~~, at page ~~from~~ the Journal
~~of both Committees of the same time~~ bears on this statement. —
— "William Harrison having read it, said, — There are two
"words in this oath — Lord Morton interrupted him, & said,
"stop, stop, stop, Sir, you were not desired ~~to pull it~~ to
"pull it to pieces; you were only desired to look at it, & to

in its place; & seldom has Lord Chesterfield's favourite position, of the discrepancy between the real & the ostensible motives of public men, been better illustrated than by the deformity of this whole transaction; for the pretended doubts & difficulties, which were acted on even in opposition to the opinion of the law authorities, all resolve themselves into an affront given to the Board two years before, & that too by not complying with impossibilities!

§ 21 □ This uncertainty, both in the mode of trial, & the degree of chastity required, was suitable to the framer of the act, which Lord Morton called his own. But if the rest of the Commissioners were not become [illegible], they should have told him he was contradicting his professed purpose, to amend the 12th of Queen Anne, in which both those points were distinctly settled: [illegible]

idem ○ If the Admirals are passed by, because they are so much accustomed to deal with people who do not always [illegible] as oath; yet the same indulgence can no-ways be extended to the Clergymen at the Board, whose professional duty it was, not to register Two men to take an oath which they openly declared they did not understand.

§ 22 △ The passage in reference, copied from the Journal of John & William Harrison, under date May 25th 1765, is — "The Gentlemen are to be upon oath not to divulge the Invention to any one till they shall have leave from the Board of Longitude. & the Commissioners are also to be upon their honour not to

"tell us whether, or not, you will take that oath,
" & therefore you have no business to say any thing
" about it — only to answer to the question asked
" you; that is, will you, or will you not? & your answer
" is only to be, Yes, or No."

We read in Roman story of a/to ++ x501

Cromwell, or Protector, who by sufferance, trod on the necks of these rump Commissioners

Minor Note at ◇ We learn from his pamphlet on Mechanism & Music, that it had been his intention to have present-ed a clock or regulator of his construction to the Royal Observatory at Greenwich; but the treatment he received from the Commissioners of Longitude frustrated this public benefit, as we may estimate it: Their conduct, he says "made him hate to make one wheel turn another." He left such a clock unfinished, which, had he proceeded with, he expected to have brought to the surprising accuracy of not erring more than a second in 100 days. — In connexion with this subject, it appears, ~~from~~ that the correctness he looked to from his Timekeepers for the Longitude was a second in a ~~fortnight~~, which the one tried at Richmond was [enmity expunged or ~~illegible~~] something within, the error being 4½ seconds in 10 weeks. If they were manufactured, as it could not be expected that all should be equally accurate, he would allow [-ter of; which he] 4 seconds in a fortnight for their deficiency, but not beyond that.

"till it [illegible] till They have given Mr. Harrison an opportunity to make what he can of other [illegible] Powers." to ++586

§22 □ From the Commissioners being ignorant of in the general of course, the real [illegible] of the business is often kept out of sight. — Had the Board come under the management of some person of superior abilities, it would have been consonant to what is very common in corporations, or at meetings like this. But here the [illegible] was, [illegible] consequential pretender, conspicuous for his affectation, & of such coordinate self-conceit, that no man could differ in opinion with him whom he was not disposed to think non compos. [illegible]. He was the cause that many of the advantages which might have been derived from the distinguished genius & [illegible] prolonged life of John Harrison were lost to the world. After the discovery of the Longitude, the great desideratum was to simplify the construction & reduce the expence of the Timekeepers, which it was obvious he was best qualified to accomplish, if not the only person that could undertake it. Yet the Commissioners, wilfully blind to this consideration, gave a carte blanche to their colleague, who [illegible] from [illegible] ignorance, [illegible], compelled the Aumaist to waste his valuable time in copying his own work (if he could do that without seeing it, or having the drawings it was made from.) The Board employed Mr. Kendal for the object & undertook [illegible] very reluctantly, as appears on their minutes. He was an excellent workman, but [illegible]

[illegible] were not sufficiently

of the concern

square & six or seven Acres

Inn Court,

is no novice in such matters [redacted] will not read

This [redacted]

not gifted with inventive powers: so that the Manager [redacted] persisting in employing him, instead of the proper person, cannot be too much reprobated. — The measures adopted on the Commissioners in the paragraph, was not applicable to them as a body in pecuniary matters, but arose from the sordid spirit of the northern aristocrat, who either from education or habit, as different instances in these transactions show, would always appropriate the labour of others without any recompence if he could: & when on occasion described, he advised the candidate to borrow all the money he could, he did not offer to lend him a shilling. stop here

There is no account of the precautions recorded to when 622 O the Timekeeper was removed from the Admiralty to Greenwich, to be subjected to experiments which bore on the reputation of the Inventor; & yet the minutes of a Board, 2°. May 1767, lay down a plan altogether elaborate, & in which the Hospital boy is introduced for the [redacted] removal of a box about ten inches [redacted], with a handle [redacted], when it was to be conveyed from Hampstead Wells to Mr. Kendall's house [redacted] Portsmouth to be subjected to no experiment but that of being taken to pieces immediately. This ironical part contrasts so drawsily with the total want of the commonest care when the Machines (mentioned in the next line) were taken possession of, that whoever [redacted] it as the contriver of the business (we believe Lord Morton) designed he should. This parade of the most scrupulous attention to the Transit of the Timekeeper, after & not before it had been subjected to experiments that were to counteract the complete satisfaction it had given to the seamen, becomes by posterior arrangement ridiculous to those who are sufficiently

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Note at □ 390 There is reason to believe that during Lord Morton's administration the Minutes of their meetings were often revised, if not essentially fabricated at his Lordship's residence in Brook Street.

[illegible] conversant with books & with men to be on their guard
against such commonplace expedients. The details "the comp-
& circumstances" (~~[illegible]~~) of the removal of the small
box, with the Timekeeper, which the Inventor used to carry,
on his lap in a coach, can never palliate the gross ignorance
of mechanics, or the refined malice, displayed in the trans-
-fer of the three Machines. Instead of calling in one or more
of reputed clockmakers, the Astronomer Royal sent for a
blacksmith; with whose assistance, & while they were car-
-rying it between them, he [illegible] stupidly let fall, & extreme-
-ly injured that Machine, the one which by order of Sir Charles
Hoyer had been sent (successfully) to Lisbon. This contact be-
-tween the floor, or the stairs, & our Mechanic's first made Time-
-keeper, if it could not be resembled to the crash of S.t Paul's,
when Sir Christopher placed his battering ram, yet amounted to
the wreck of the Doctors reputation for mechanics: which he
understood no better than Sir Robert Walpole did political Econ-
-omy. — And what can be thought of their care of this pub-
-lic property, as the Commissioners (in contemptuous phrase
always affected to call it? Had they been openly upraided
with not being trust worthy on this occasion, it does not appear
how they could have repelled the accusation; their Colleague,
(who, no doubt, continued to pester them with his knowledge of
Chronometry) never having been called on to make good the
damage out of his own pocket; neither was there any motion,
as far as the writer knows, to be made in the unquestionable obli-
-gation out of their private [illegible] funds. The principal in this public
injury, who, when he reached Plymstead Dock, might have ex-
-claimed, with Old Chaos, = havoc, & spoil & ruin are my gain, =
knowing the good men & true he could depend on, would

worthy [illegible] completion

-ces. — We must subjoin here, as a necessary justice to the Manager, that he does not appear to have contem-
-plated the destructive consequences of employing the Astronomer Royal to superintend the removal of the three Machines; for at the Board, April 26th. 1766, where it was ordered that the succes-
-ful Timekeeper should be tried at Greenwich; it is further to ◇

the labour of one year

concealment ⊜ being now done away, ⊜ leaves an unsurmountable moments of reproach to posterity; princi-
-pally pointed at James Earl of Morton P. R. S. the origin of which has been shown.

became indeed the depositary

from ◇ directed — "That the three other Timekeep-
-ers, the property of the Public, which are now in "Mr. Harrison's custody, be demanded, & sent to the "Observatory, that their rates of going may be "compared with the regulator at the same "time with the Watch."

twisted

to ◇ 452

or the Northern sentiment" now shall provoke me

although, as we have said

have indulged a sneer Pardonne, at the expence of some who might have told him the Board of Longitude would make him answerable for the consequences

123 △ He told them distinctly, that having the Timekeeper by him six or eight months, would save him time in three. He refused therefore, when his age is considered (seventy three) had a twinkle in it which the wit of man cannot extinguish; aggravated, if possible, by attending from their minutes his repeated applications on this most important subject. to Thus the ostrich, a simple bird, is said, by hiding its head, to imagine its whole body is concealed. to □ 389 ___ Yet great as the injury was to the individual, it immeasurably augmented to the public, & was in express terms, the special purposes of their institution, when we learn he wanted " to determine by experiment, whether some " expensive parts of the machinery might not be abridged, or to " totally left out. As he was the only person properly qualified to accomplish an object which the general interest loudly called for, it becomes impossible to acquit the majority of the Board either of gross incapacity, or palpable dishonesty. The principal clue to the intrigues this affair is so strongly with may be found in the conduct of the Earl of Morton, who if he was not born, like the Caliph Omar, for the general abhorrence of science, yet either from total want of judgment, did every thing in his power to screen under the labours of this indefatigable man. He had secured the whole management of this public concern (so called) he pretended to have himself discovered one of the principles employed in the construction of the Timekeeper

but unluckily John Harrison, who had all the pride
~~the ability of the nation~~ ~~it gives me pleasure to be point~~
~~ed by you, whom all men praise" could have been~~
~~speedily undid those letters which~~ of spirit, in a cer-
tain sense which often accompanies genius
could not be brought to compliment this Birmingham
philosopher or his merit, in any view.

Ten months more were wasted on a trick which nobody
for, except those interested in the failure of the experi-
ment. It was besides directly contrary to the public sentiment
for at a date somewhat later a meeting of bankers, merchants
shipowners &c. was convened in the city, to petition Parliament
against the neglect & hindrance of the Commissioners on this
subject; whose Manager, thus compelled, affected some exer-
tion, but it was so ill directed that it only showed his incom-
petency for any such purpose, though it did not lessen his
presumption. Will any

Minor Note at ☐ In his pamphlet on Mechanism, some
years after, John Harrison has a note on this subject, in
a caustic manner, part of which we insert "— They
" took great care about my Watch, for they locked it
" up in a closet at the Admiralty, — because it had
" performed two voyages so well; & so they would keep
" it as a piece of treasure, for fear any body else should
" ever be able to make such another; a fair sign

by vestiges of which he claimed some degree of equality with the Inventor; ~~could John Harrison have been expected to flatter his Lordship's genius, by which tempted the worst Heroes, and would have~~ ~~endeavored in the Exercise of that~~.

¶ 230 Had he so chosen, he could have ~~stated~~ stated more directly, the ill treatment he had experienced, as well as the magnitude of the injury to the public. The Timekeeper was first locked up six months at the Admiralty, as if by the advice of John Goldar, being what might have been expected from his creditable capacity; ~~[illegible]~~ person in our time say ~~[illegible]~~ otherwise That that the common sense of the question plainly pointed out no time should be lost in adopting such measures as were best calculated to bring the Invention into use; yet the opinion of the only men equal to that absorbing desideratum was uniformly rejected by — Lord Morton; & ~~[illegible]~~ when the importance of the circumstance is considered, it shows very remarkably how the severity & weakness or the revenge of an individual of rank, can frustrate without any enquiry, a national concern, such as this was. To have admitted that John Harrison understood best ~~[illegible]~~ what was necessary for giving those finishing touches to his own Invention, would have implied that his Lordship did not understand the subject better than any mathematician or mechanic round the Circle; although his notions do not appear to have been of more value than Cardinal Richlieu's criticism on the Cid of Corneille.

¶ 23 ▦ * Those engagements ~~we pass by~~ here, but

indeed, that they did not understand it, — ~~[illegible]~~ In other passages he is found complaining into what ignorant hands he had got. The Commissioners certainly did not understand the subject, ~~[illegible]~~ much, & least of all their Manager, whose plebeian cast of mind notwithstanding his hereditary honours rendered him incapable of adopting any course advantageous for the public — so it was, they uniformly treated this man of genius as if he had no design but to impose on them; which his spirit could not brook.

reddening with shame.

he had

the following passage is of the greatest consequence, by its bearing on these nefarious proceedings. " My Timekeeper is now in his (M^r. Kendal's) possession, though he is " not yet ready to make use of it; there are some parts in " the making of which the model can be of little or no use to " him; I only desired it for six or eight months, & am confident he can have no occasion for it before that time is expired: however I have offered to have it forth coming " whenever M^r. Kendal declares that he wants it, therefore " I apprehend their engagements with M^r. Kendal afford " no solid reason for the Commissioners to refuse lending it " to me." Certainly not, & —— with the exception of this Manœuvre those proceedings was equal to any thing, if they pretended to give grave reasons for a conduct so revolting towards a man of seventy four, it is difficult to conceive how two Commissioners could look each other in the face, without [redacted]. In the consternation of events, yet, they were preparing the way for the final refuge which the Claimant found with his Sovereign, who reprobated in unqualified terms the treatment received; as did moreover those eminent Statesmen, Sir Geo^y. Saville & M^r. Burke: which makes it unnecessary the present Writer should apologize for the severity with which he feels constrained to visit the memory of the parties principally concerned in this odious oppression.

§ 26 O He might here have mentioned some of the impracticable extravagancies of Lord Morton, under the separate commission in 1763, his non compliance with which appears to have subjected him to the reprehensible severity of the Northern Peer. The particu-

393 – lues, which are given more fully in the original work,

[redacted] lead to the discovery that there was not the least foundation for the majority his Lordship asserted to have had at that commission. The refusal to comply with the resolutions of which, by the candidate, became the ground-work of the bill to amend, explain & alter the original Act. This extraordinary circumstance, which the public never knew an item of, [redacted] is carefully traced in the Journal of the two Harrison's; & was to no voucher; for when the Admiralty would have conformed to the new Act the best he could, every delay & obstruction that ignorance or hatred could devise was thrown in his way.

¥ 27 Δ It might have been supposed that on reading this (if the supposition is conceded) the Commissioners would have become sensible of the [redacted] ignorant presumption of the P.R.S. who was leading them a course the most opposite that could be conceived to the public interest; for it neutralized the great abilities of John Harrison, & rendered them useless for a purpose by far the most important to which they could be directed. — They should have procured a strait waistcoat for their Manager, if there was no other way to deal with him; & lost no time in getting his own bill (as he called it) repealed, if that was necessary. The same promptitude (unless they were wholly indifferent to the contempt [redacted] portents) should have been shown in restoring to him the advantage (for it was the advantage of the country too) of frequently inspecting his former models in prosecuting his new works, which they had been purposely informed was his custom, & which none but a consummate blockhead would have deprived him of: for no would wish

such a declaration

vulgar; when, as it may happen, & as it does happen here; any sailor who had belonged to the Deptford, the Merlin, or the Tartar, though he could neither read nor write, & although his reasoning was confined to the adage, which says, the proof of the pudding is in the eating of it, would have been more approved by Bacon & Locke, above all by Newton, than the mathematical triflers who had the assurance to sanction this miserable proof of the superiority of the Lunar method, which in effect is the sum & drift of the whole purpose. — We may add that in England,

Their scientific

have written, & so we believe George 3. said, judging from his resentment at the general tenor of their conduct.

¶ 28 ‡ That Dr. Maskelyne should have suffered this aspersion to escape him, & yet without adverting in a note or otherwise, to the tangible logic, that in two voyages (or four) the Timekeeper had bona fide performed with an accuracy directly at variance with ~~his assertion~~, may well occasion it to be asked, why Philosophers must think it necessary to display the hearty contempt of the ~~vulgar, called in general of common sense, for the~~ ~~ex cathedra~~ ~~dictates, that would neither read or write~~ ~~read or write, a pamphlet of letters~~ ~~would find it~~ ~~Royal~~, where a paper so frequently settles a dispute, the Gentlemen of the Jockey Club would immediately have taken three, four, or five to one on the results of as many trials of the Machine, under the care of some competent person, not a zealous bigot to the Lunar process, as was the case in the Trial connected with. to ☐ 561

¶ 4 ∅ A note here, on the locks, was given at page.

¶ 6 □ The certificate appears at page. & need not be repeated.

¶ 15 Δ A note appended says [Here print the note.]
These Commissioners were not remarkable for ~~their~~ knowledge ~~of time~~, though our Mechanic dwells himself with their supposed fame. They were Nathaniel Bliss, Master of Arts, Astronomer Royal, who had been Pro-

viz — Shepherd Professor of Astronomy & Experimental
The adjustin of the instrument, wherever it was ~~[illegible]~~
suspended or a level attached to it: & finding their ob-

were as grossly deficient in common care as if they
had decided the question by a toss up of heads
or tails. It has been shown that they never ~~[illegible]~~
enquired into the real state of affairs under the sepa-
-commission, where the very [illegible] misgivings of this
philosopher by experiment originated & from ☐

worth mentioning

from ☐ This novel

-fessor of astronomy, likewise of geometry, at Oxford; & the [illegible] Philosophy at Cambridge. [illegible]
-jections by no means tenable, they professed themselves satis-
-fied. But the incident argues practical astronomy to have been at a very low ebb in both our Universities in that day. Had Dr. Knox stumbled on this singular defici-
-ency, he might have applied it to the degrading view he has given of those national establishments.

✗ 20 ΔΔ In a note he asks [Here, first the note]
Here would have been no occasion to ask a question involving a paradox, had the real state of these matters, which the public never had the slightest knowledge of, been brought forward. The commissioners, when they authorized their colleague, Lord Morton, to supersede the 12th of Queen Anne, after, & not before the survey of the Timekeeper, by procuring an Act to em-
-body his own ideas, which included the ruin of the Claimant, as far as he could effect it, [illegible] "gentlewomen" who in some Catholic countries have neither eyes, nor ears, nor other modes of perception than what Father To Tum dispenses to them under the imposing pretensions of his long beard & coarse tunic. The Noble Lord who is so conspicuous, if divested of his rank & estates, would have been listened to with no deference in any society worth recording. He was ignorant of mechanics (like Dr. Maskelyne) & even wanted common sense, if we may judge from the pertinacity with which he persisted in his explanation of the 2d. George 3d. which he never forgave & important item remaining unknown, a false view [illegible]

of the case how

the Earl of Sandwich was not then in the Cabinet nor that
Neither were they enabled to inform the world that
soever of those Commissioners who by their Presence
& interlocutor concurred in exploding the proposed
addition to the instructions as mere Tautology —
— utterly superfluous, & a waste of paper & ink; for
= The instructions themselves implied the very same
= Thing; " sat at the Board, 9th February 1765 at which Lord
Morton carried every thing before him) regardless of the mo-
-ral obligation they had incurred,
which the Clergymen especially
should have been reminded the recording angel
would neither overlook, nor blot out,
for it came under
those offences which they appear as "God will judge". An
obligation, we repeat, which although not objected to
The form of an oath was plainly as binding on those
their assent from the same
as if it had been sworn on the Holy Evangelists at the altar.

necessary observations

Minor Note at ∅ William Harrison endeavoured to procure
this addition to the instructions to be inserted on the 12th minutes,
but the subtlety & meanness of the Lunar party, foreseeing this

always been unintentionally given by Those who have treated of the Transactions between the Claimant & the Board of Longitude, after the return from Barbados.

✓ 27 □ This [redacted] is to be understood of each Board to which they were summoned; not each day they were from home, either going, or returning. to ◇561

✓ 28 ○ There was more of form, & what he might think ostentation than of much importance attaching to the circumstance here. For he well knew D.r Maskelyne had cogent reasons for undervaluing the Timekeeper, which might be were fully seen when the Visitors met at Barbados to take the [redacted]. He was equally aware that the President of the Royal Society had personal reasons [redacted] (which have been explained) for trampling him into dust, if he could. — From the words "the greater part" in the context must be excepted the whole of the Lunar party, that is, the delegates from Oxford and Cambridge, who constantly supported Lord Morton [redacted] in his extravagances however they ever so revolting to humanity. The deference owned to them as men of science, by the [redacted] Naval Officers & the Civilians, was more than liable to their hostile & factious penetration: for the public advantage was entirely lost sight of in the party animosity that prevailed the business, for which they met: it might be read but their employers, or mentioning the employment of an incompetent person, instead of John Harrison for an object of the greatest importance.

✓ 12 ‡ D.r Maskelyne, knowing his Antagonist had incontrovertible evidence of this humiliating fact, thought it the safer course to attempt no reply. But what can be said of

397 might prove an extinguisher to their hopes, manœuvred to prevent it.

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using this stile of

for as such may be regarded the minutes of the Board of Longitude that sat November 28.ᵗᵏ 1772, from the serious public consequences that might have followed the contest the Commissioners were provoking. Had not this paper been official

supported by volumes stratum super stratum, ~~of which it might be supposed that not one of them could read~~ whose conduct might make it supposed that not one of them could read or write

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the majority at the Board, who, in 1772, Lord Morton being then dead, inherited the mantle of that [illegible] Philosopher, & Experiment & Frenzy it by Turns, disregarded the most palpable truisms, to so good purpose as to insist on the last made Timekeeper being tried at Greenwich & no where else: in fact, by his colleague, a person no ways remarkable for self controul, & who might be reasonably presumed to have been elated almost to frenzy by the astounding failure recorded here, which he had no title that could blot out. Without undervaluing the professional abilities of the Astronomer Royal, it was obvious that such a course of disputation was likely to make his hand unsteady, & to show his heart not "busy in the right place." It was accordant therefore with the character of George 3. immediately to interfere on [illegible] the business of [illegible]; which — in its result, produced a remarkable domestic state paper, [illegible] Board of Longitude, held at the Admiralty 28th 1772 That they [illegible], it might have seemed incredible that a set of men seated in an apartment at the Admiralty, could in such peremptory terms, addressed to a person who they all knew had waited on them by his Majesty's direction, signify to the occupant of the throne, as in effect they do, that he had better mind his own business & not interfere with them. — The acrimony of political & of religious Zealots is proverbial enough, yet here we have a scientific Tumult [illegible]

[illegible]

Although Dr. Maskelyne must have been more willing

than able to Dispute

~~and~~

~~cost then expedious labour to obtain~~

obtain

finds it convenient to moot

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this object & position of the extreme precariousness attending the Lunar method of finding the Longitude at sea (& even at land) which his own ill success so strikingly confirmed; yet with an infatuation in science bordering on that of Johann Southern is divinely, the △584 [illegible] , is his reply to the younger Mudge, about twenty years after, he gives a decided preference to his own method above that by chronometry. He does not attempt to disprove the objections urged, but the question; for in such of his works as the Author has seen he never fails adverting to the Lunar process in general terms only, & as if he would conceal from himself the obvious, but undesirable fact that the moon is useless to the seaman, for this specific object, two thirds of his time, and often when he would invoke her aid; as in the common case of a ship taking her departure from Portsmouth for Madeira when she is at the pier, & expecting to arrive about the change. So great is the disparity between the facilities of the respective methods, that when W. Gren, one of the astronomers employed by the Board, returned from Barbados in the same merchantman with W. William Harrison, he could get only two Lunar observations (which cost him no small trouble on his state) while with the like number of exceptions the Timekeeper could be consulted every day during the voyage. — If a longer run is taken, suppose that of Lieutenant Grant to Port Jackson (if we recollect right) there are only two Lunar entries on his Journal, though that Officer seems to have been for ever anxious to ascertain the situation of

399 / his ship; & was doubtless well qualified to find
it by all practicable methods to ++401

This probity, if it be such, was They were

an opinion which appears to accord the preference of D. Mc
Intyre, in opposition to the sentiments of the
the Claimant of the award brought forward.

his Ship. Upon the common ability of the Gentlemen of the Navy, when interrogated in point is that the moon may be depended on nine days out of the twenty eight, if the weather is clear & the ship steady; reservation which amounts almost to a nullity — especially if follow-ed up by the untoward discovery of the Longitude after & not before the crew saw the land, initiated related above.

Improved experience has since John Harrison wrote, given such a decided preference to the method in which he led the way that the Author knows more than one mercantile master whose confidence in his chronometer induces him to dispense altogether with the practice of heaving the log (which from its great uncertainty is now regarded as a farce by the gentlemen of the navy.) But would the genius of Flamstead Wills have ventured to propose to any seaman worth his salt to rely solely on the moon. ~~He~~ His infatuation had been so much above par, would he not have had sufficient reason to recollect the notion in the Tale of bygone days (about a Gentleman loving a soldier.)

The Doctor having heard the case
Burst into laughter in his face.

These observations are incidentally expanded beyond what might be thought necessary where experience is opposed to theory, & utility to speculative researches; ~~I am~~ reassured by finding that Mr. Croker when he brought into Parliament his bill for consolidating the several acts relative to the Longitude (March 14. 1818) had volunteered ~~to show from Scientific men, both at home & abroad~~ distinguished scientific men whom ~~John Harrison has got~~ ~~to~~ ~~to~~ ~~to

aught

may be moved to question his orthodoxy, in the offices this small pamphlet Treaty of, &

~~from~~ from the learned Gentleman's right in politics, nor yet to interfere with his contracted economy & industry in the disposition of Dr. Johnson, we ~~[illegible]~~ do indeed apprehend in Lieu the benefit of that wholesome proverb "the proof of the pudding is in the eating of it." We believe he would be found some grains wanting, if balanced in his own scales, against John Harrison, the mechanic, who was a professed in those sciences, to which W. Croker intimates he had himself given the fullest attention; but let us hear him. "A Frenchman of the name of Mayer, in the time of Louis 13.th first hit on "the idea of finding the Longitude by means of Lunar observation. "But, in consequence of the want of Lunar tables, the plan failed, & was "generally scouted at the time. It was, however, extraordinary, "that that which was originally thrown aside, as unlikely to "lead to a successful result, was now relied on with the greatest "confidence. — Who the naval, or the mercantile officers were, that ever relied on this method with the greatest confidence, or even with ordinary assurance, when they apprehended being in error, the Author cannot find: & it may surprise W.r Croker to know that when Dr. Maskelyne had no better success on the Atlantic than exposed him to be challenged as above, he was provided with Mayer's tables. Why then with the learned Secretary attach such unavailing importance to a process attended with so much uncertainty, even in the best hands, as he does in the contest, by laying an emphasis on the scientific merits of the one mode, as distinguished from the merely mechanical conformity of the other? which yet, in the sequel, he is fain to have recourse to; & there his illustration is inversely as his argument; for the three examples he has brought, to show how near the Longitude could be settled,

[redacted] give the earliest experimenter the

Type of this elaborate school

calculate his distance secundum artem

leave to the learned Secretary

who, we fear is

Thus assumed in behalf of the mathematician

readers

to be given as N. 4 Appx/from ++

Gentlemen, [redacted] written in December [redacted]

are all drawn from the plan discussed in the foregoing tale, & not that exclusively confined to the quarter deck. — This is like discharging a ball against some hard substance at an angle, which is rebound with coup de grace. — We are here reminded of the man, on whom Alexander of Macedon bestowed a basket of pears, because he could throw them from a distance through the eye of a bottle, or some such instrument, without missing. Some viewing this proceeding with scorn, & being denied to show the best way of solving the problem, would step back, & throw in the true parabola of a curve, instead of striking up, & letting the pear through the socket at once, for there could be no difficulty in that. The application we leave to the followers of Dr Dubbs the bowls of Tom but timely bore out in the foregoing remarks over the other days of competition, for although the computation of the Longitude by mechanism is as simple as it ought to be, whatever method is in use, yet the principles applied to the construction of an accurate chronometer are not less scientific than the astronomer deductions in his own department.

+ It occured to the Author, a fresh water sailor (like W. Boxer) that improvements in the instruments, & increased facilities in practice may have made Lunar observations more available than when this pamphlet was published, above sixty years ago, with a view to be better informed of the present state of these concerns in the Navy he wrote to an intelligent Officer (Lieutenant Alex.r B. Rowe) whom he knew to be of great eminence. The following extract from the answer of that 1830 Gentleman, treats the question distinctly, & may be thought to

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who were to have credit for their profound & abstruse acquisitions.

who afterwards became avowedly a candidate for the re-
-wards, was about this time either engaged in, or scheming
a private voyage to St. Helena, in a merchantman. — That
it was wholly at his own expence, there is no evidence to
disprove; but it wants confirmation, as the Doctor was then
no rich man, it is indeed dubious that he provided him-
-self out of his own pocket with the costly instruments
requisite for his undertaking.

from ¶ 8 W But which he would not have allowed to have
weight with him, if he had at this period been aware of
the enemies operations; to whose mine, the Astronomer just men-
-tioned (like a clumsy Corporal complained of by Napoleon) un-
-fortunately & prematurely set the match, as will appear in its
place.

from ++ ¶ 409 without delay on these occasions, he
may be concluded to have been in waiting by desire of
the Admirals, who were unequal to contending with
the <u>palaver</u> of their learned colleagues: but they could
not have much inducement to send their sons to either
of our staple emporiums of science, when they saw
that two plain men, like the Candidate & his Son, knew
more to the purpose than Masters & Doctors ~~of Arts and~~
~~Physic~~: but — waiving this: the marvellous igno-
-rance to ¶ 463 ~~[illegible]~~ leave out the rest consonant to the above
Lord Chesterfield in To + ¶ 462

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Note at ww 461 The consideration is very important towards analyzing the gross imposition practised on Parliament by this consequential character; that the 12th. of Queen Anne having left untouched the right of property in the tangible materials that might thereafter be used for discovering the Longitude, whatever form might be given them. Lord Morton assumed, by what he termed "the reason of the thing" that they were public property; & accordingly inserted a clause in his bill to that effect — without once consulting the Attorney, or the Solicitor General on a point of so much interest to his rival: for if those authorities had differed with him, what then? — Granting however the correctness of the Chancellor's decision, without further enquiry, yet there can be but one opinion on the collateral bearing of the question — which is that "the reason of the thing" especially demanded of him to exercise with asserted right with all possible forbearance, and with the avoiding of any injury or hardship in enforcing it. — Now as the contrary is glaringly evident, and he indulged a revolting inhumanity towards the aged Claimant, without the least regard to "the reason of the thing", the unavoidable inference is — that he was ready to appeal to this argument, if it squared with his views, but still more ready to throw it to the dogs when it thwarted his disgraceful purpose.

was a pattern model of integrity, scrupled not to say that "children are amused with playthings, & men with oaths". Louis 11th after having bought off the threatened invasion of his dominions by Edward 4th, exulted in the cleverness of his management: having no comprehension of the meanness it involved. But the major part of the middle & the higher classes in society illustrate the Poet's simile

Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclin'd.

— Unless in the instance of some old connexion, the vulgar believe every person they have dealings with will deceive them, if he can. Their ignorance preventing any discrimination of character, they apply this notion by the rule & square, as Sangrado did his system without the least attention to the good or bad habit of the patient. While endeavouring to account for a conduct in the Earl of Morton which may be regarded as the antipodes of what would have been expected by those who knew no more than the family, the titles & designation of this nobleman, the Author collected a description of Scotland in a series of letters which drew much attention about the middle of the last century, & several pages from which are quoted in Cave's Magazine. The sordid spirit described can only be exceeded by the pride of ancestry with which it is accompanied; & as an instance of an indefensible obliquity of purpose, no ways singular at the time & place, the Writer relates that an English gentleman having sent for a workman, to make

a yard wand after one he showed him; the artizan, without any apparent sense of repugnance, or impropriety, & meaning only to recommend himself by his zeal for the interest of his employer, told him the measure produced would not do, because it was made to sell with & not to buy.

From amongst Folks embued with such edifying traits a century ago, ipsued James Douglas, Earl of Morton, to scatter the seeds of improvement in our southern the Southern Kingdom, which had much better have fructified at home. Notwithstanding his illustrious descent lineage, it would be difficult to exonerate him from participating in practices commonly usually assigned to the lowest grade in the social structure, & certainly as far removed from that valuable though exotic Shemsuel system, as "from Dan to Beersheba".

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403/5. continuation from ++ & 360 years has ~~[illegible]~~ in this brief estimate; the sum total is ~~[illegible]~~ £24.000; ~~[illegible]~~ when he brought in his bill for consolidating the several acts relating to the Longitude he stated the candidate to have received altogether: Admitting the 4000, in addition to the twenty, to the confusion among the several acts of Parliament ~~[illegible]~~ on the Longitude, ~~[illegible]~~ But he had no idea that if the reward had been paid when the Timekeeper returned so successfully from Jamaica, which the House of Commons by its vote contravening the decision of the Commissioners of Longitude, admitted he had been entitled to, the interest of the premium would have more than doubled the 4,000 in question, when the Claimant, by the advice of George ?. ~~[illegible]~~ petitioned Parliament in 1773.

Continuation of Note at ++ & 387 — The French Government knowing the merits of the Timekeeper, but not being aware of the disclosures under the recent act of Parliament, sent over M. Berthoud, the most eminent watchmaker in their employ, to purchase the secret, who on his arrival in London immediately applied in Red Lion Square for that purpose. A refined sense of integrity prevented the Genius whom he saw there from taking advantage of the manifest ignorance of the Frenchman of how the case stood; but he addressed Two letters to Sir Charles Saunders on the conduct of the Gentlemen who had attended the captain he gave. Sir Charles having transmitted,

£200 per year allowed, for that period

from which if we strike off £1,000 for casualties, & Mr. Croker chuses, & say £24,000, that is precisely the amount which ~~[illegible]~~

& there deducing that the candidate had been very fortunate.

403/ fourth continuation these letters to the Com-
-missioners, W. Mudge was sent for, & examined at
a Board & singularly enough: from the tenor
of his answers, he did not know he was under any
restraint as to the disclosure, & even thought it his
duty to explain the construction of the Innkeeper &
any eccentric person that applied to him. On com-
-bining this with the rev. Dr. Allan Cudlam's remarks,
published as described, it seems but fair to acquit
the Gentlemen who attended in Red Lion Square of
any knowledge of the prohibition directed. — An enq-
-uiry after this strange blunder, which strongly im-
-plicates their Manager (Lord Morton to wit) could
not be extended without implicating one or more
of the Commissioners, of course, ~~as extinguisher was~~
~~slapped on it~~ incubus, of course, ~~an extinguisher~~
~~was slapped on it~~ incubus, of course an extinguish
-er was slapped on it.

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who might have felt uncomfortable under such an

It is to the discredit of the Astronomer Royal, that he never absented himself; nor is it ascertained that he refrained from giving a vote in his own cause, contrary to that propriety which is expected from public men; in Parliament, for instance, on all occasions where they have a personal interest in what is passing.